

# John H. Chafee at Pettaquamscutt Cove

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex

#### Fact Sheet for Members of Congress

#### Represented by the following Members of Congress:

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#### Profile

Established:	1989
Current acres:	328
2002 volunteer hours:	200
2002 visitation:	5,000
Complex-wide:	
Staff:	8
FY 2003 budget	\$1,567,180

John H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge at Pettaquamscutt Cove is one of five national wildlife refuges in the Rhode Island Complex.

#### Purpose

John H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge was established to protect and enhance populations of black duck and other waterfowl, to provide for conservation and management of fish and wildlife; to fulfill international treaty obligations respecting fish and wildlife, and to provide opportunities for scientific research, environmental education, and fish and wildlife-oriented recreation.

#### Public Use Notes

- Open to fishing
- Spectacular birding from canoe or kayak

#### Management Activities

- Comprehensive Conservation Plan completed in spring 2002
- Land protection plan targets 1,200 acres for land acquisition
- Provide cooperative assistance to other landowners for grassland and shrubland restoration
- Protecting the threatened piping plover on cooperators' lands
- New complex-wide \$2.6 million office and visitor center building in Charlestown scheduled to open in 2004

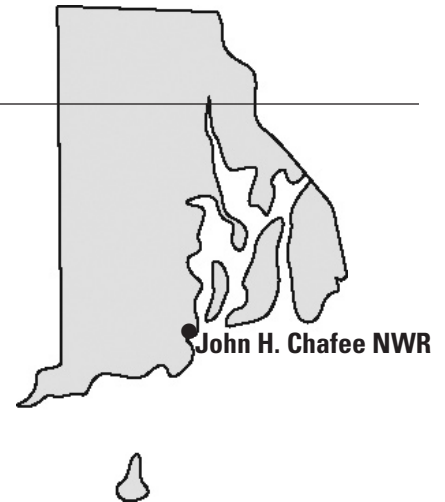
#### Highlights

The refuge is celebrating the National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial in 2003.

The refuge enjoys strong partnerships with non-government organizations.

The refuge works with non-government organizations to support watershed-wide environmental education activities.

A land exchange with the town of Narragansett to allow bike path completion will add six acres to the refuge in 2003.



#### Issues

High cost of land acquisition

Reducing the spread of invasive species

Recommendation for adopting no-wake zones in the lower Narrow River to protect salt marsh habitats

Small, isolated parcels make management difficult

Managing inappropriate public uses

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